Railway Bookstalls of A.H. Wheeler & Co.

2599. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. A.H. Wheeler & Co. held 360 bookstalls, as on 12th April, 1984;

(b) whether the same firm held 391 bookstalls, as on 11th December, 1985; and

(c) if so, what are the details of thirty one bookstalls, with the names of stations, allotted to M / A.H. Wheeler & Co., during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Rail Tickets Through Internet

2600. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Northern Railway has introduced Internet ticketing system;

(b) if so, the details of the system;

(c) how the IRCTC has created a secure payment gateway, to enable on-line payment;

(d) whether any agency has been authorized to collect money on behalf of the Railways; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir. Internet Ticketing System has been introduced in the Delhi area by Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation. (IRCTC).

(b) The ticket can be booked on the IRCTC's website using a credit card and at the option of the customer either collected in person from